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FOR SECRETARY FROM BROWN

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN LEBANON

1. IT'S WITH A GREAT SIGH OF RELIEF THAT I REPORT THAT WE'RE FINALLY ENGAGED ON A START TOWARDS THE ORDERLY PROCESS OF CHANGE WE'VE BEEN PUSHING FOR. THE FACT THAT THE PARLIAMENT DID MEET UNDER SECURE CONDITION, THAT IT ACTED AND THEN DISPURSED IS A GOOD SIGN. IT HAS LIFTED SPIRITS THROUGHTOUT THE CITY.

2. I THINK OUR ATTITUDE HERE AND IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN A MAJOR FACTOR IN GETTING THIS FAR.

3. I AM NOW PUSHING TWO THINGS WHICH WILL MAKE A FURTHER CONTRIIBUTION: JUMBLATT GETTING TOGETHER WITH THEYSYRIANS (I THINK THIS IS UNDERWAY) AND A JUMBLATT-GEMAYEL MEETING. I THINK WE CAN BET THIS TOO WITH A FEW DELICATE NUDGES.

4. SO FAR USG IS COMING THROUGHT THIS MESS WELL. WE ARE BEING GIVEN CREDIT FOR ALL SORTS OF THINGS WE HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT YET.

5. IT IS TOO BAD WE CAN'T GET RESPONSE FROM SYRIANS THAT YOU HAVE PUT TOGETHER. WOULD BE USEFUL IN OPENING ROUND OF TALKS.

6. NEW SUBJECT: AFTER TALK WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR LUNCH

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WITH GORCE SWITCHED TO FRENCH EMBASSY.

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